



VIDEO LOTTERY

News & Updates

FROM THE COMPUTER ROOM

HOLIDAY HOURS ON GOOD FRIDAY

The Lottery Office will close at noon on Good Friday, April 3, but the operations center will be staffed all day, with limited staffing after 1 p.m.



CONTACTING THE COMPUTER OPERATIONS CENTER

Staffers in the Lottery's computer operations center take calls in the order in which they are received. If you are calling the center and receive a busy signal, do not hang up then immediately try back again. Leave a voicemail with the appropriate information and the first available staff person will return your call.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The Operations Center is currently being remodeled. The remodeling process will continue through next month. Temporary interruptions in service may occur while the construction is underway. Please be patient with us while we undergo these upgrades.

NEWS YOU CAN USE TO OPERATE BETTER

VIDEO LOTTERY STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

There will be a Video Lottery Strategic Planning Meeting on **Wednesday, April 22 from 1 to 5 p.m. and Thursday, April 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon**. The meeting will take place downstairs at View 34, 4251 E. Hwy 34 in Pierre. Watch for more details in upcoming editions of the Video Lottery News and on our website at lottery.sd.gov

2015 LOTTERY COMMISSION MEETINGS

Wed., April 22 –
Thurs., April 23
(Strategic Planning Meeting)

Thurs., June 11

Thurs., Sept. 17

Thurs., Dec. 10

CURRENTLY OPERATING

The following licensed manufacturers have approved hardware and software in the market.

- IGT
- Spielo
- Grand Vision Gaming
- Scientific Games International
- Techlink Entertainment
- Harms Vending Inc.

VLC, Fortunet/Summit, and MTD also have equipment in the field.

MACHINE DESTRUCTIONS

The license renewal fee for a video lottery operator is based on the number of machines licensed as of June 30 of each year. To avoid paying this fee for a machine that may no longer be operable, an operator must complete and submit to the Lottery a Video Lottery Disposal form. Once the form has been received, the Lottery will arrange for a final inspection of the machine and witness the destruction. If you have machines you need destroyed by June 30, the form must be submitted to the Lottery by May 31 to allow adequate time to coordinate inspection and internal accounting procedures. For requests received after May 31, the Lottery cannot guarantee the request will be processed by June 30 although every effort will be made to accommodate the request. Copies of the Video Lottery Disposal form and the Declaratory Ruling 95-1 by the South Dakota Lottery Commission regarding machine destruction are available on the Lottery's website at lottery.sd.gov

IRS PROPOSES REDUCING REPORTABLE GAMING WINNINGS FROM \$1,200 TO \$600

Casinos would be required to report to the Internal Revenue Service when video lottery players win \$600 or more, under a proposed change to IRS regulations.

Under current federal regulations, set in 1977, a casino must file tax information forms on winnings of \$1,200 or more on a slot machine jackpot.

The IRS published the [proposed change](#) in the Federal Register this week to update the tax information reporting rules for players' winnings. It is accepting public comments until June 2.

In its proposal, the IRS said it was seeking comments regarding the reporting figure, including the feasibility of reducing the reporting threshold, whether electronically tracked slot machine play should have a separate reporting threshold, and if the games' reporting amounts should be uniform.

Formal comments on the proposal can be submitted [online](#).

PLANNING A PROMOTION?

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OPERATORS & TECHNICIANS

Be sure your paperwork for [board changes](#) and [movements](#) includes an Audit ticket and can be e-mailed to VideoLottery@state.sd.

Quick Links

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MCD INSTALLATION BY APPOINTMENT

Please call the South Dakota Lottery operations room at 605-773-5793 to set up an appointment if you need to have an MCD installed. This will ensure that any preliminary work needing to be done prior to having the MCD installed is completed and that a Lottery operator has time set aside for the installation.

MCD TRACKING

When operators call the Lottery office they will be asked to provide the serial number that is located on the MCD. Please be prepared with that number when you call so we can verify that the MCD and location are correct.

VIDEO LOTTERY MARKETING

PROBLEM GAMBLING INFORMATION FOR VIDEO LOTTERY PLAYERS

While we at the Lottery and you at your establishments encourage patrons to play responsibly, the reality is that some individuals do develop problem gambling issues. At the suggestion of one of our video lottery partners, an informational handout on problem gambling has been designed for use in video lottery casinos. The bi-fold piece is the size of a business card, easy for players to pick up and carry, and contains information on the warning signs of problem gambling and who to call for assistance if a person feels they or someone they know has a gambling problem. Each casino will receive an initial supply of 20 in the coming weeks. We encourage you to display them near your registers, bars and play areas for the benefit of your players.

OTHER INFORMATION

Stats from the Field

As of March 24, 2015, 731 MCD's have been installed and 2,246 line game machines are in operation statewide.

Newsletter Archives

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